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A. Statement of Planning Objectives

Upon the completion of Sierra National Forest's Travel Management Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and subsequent implementation of the Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), the Bass Lake Ranger District will be propelled from "open to cross country" OHV use (up to 300,000 acres), to a designated route system. With that comes the requirement to be decisive on various aspects of managing OHV recreation. Funding is requested to assist in the development of a 3 year action oriented OHV Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) resulting in several Action Plans for implementation of the Sierra National Forest Travel Management EIS.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The development of a 3-5 year action oriented OHV Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) would work as a model for the prioritization of multiple projects for the efficient and timely completion of a successful program of work for the Bass Lake Ranger District related to OHV recreation. The goals are:

1. An efficient, cost effective and well managed OHV program with the ability to keep pace with current use and trends along with the utilization scientific data and conservation techniques for resource conservation.
2. The ability to sustain OHV recreation and OHV opportunity, while enhancing the OHV experience for long term use.

C. Statement of Activities

Through the completion of a Strategic Implementation Plan several Action Plans are derived from an integrative interdisciplinary approach consisting of Resource Specialists who would collaboratively work to prioritize resource projects per the Sierra National Forest Travel Management EIS decision, e.g. Streams, Soils, Meadows, Botany, Historical and Cultural, Fish/Amphibians, Hydrology, Reforestation/timber, Wildlife and General Forest Recreation. The result is a multiple project program of work that addresses opportunities for funding and partnerships in the implementation of these Action Plans.

D. List of Reports

Action Plans proposed to be developed:

1. Bass Lake Ranger District OHV web site Action Plan
2. Route maintenance Action Plan (of designated routes per EIS decision). Would bring designated routes to Forest Service trail management standards per Forest Service guidelines for resource concerns, safety and skill, based on type of activity i.e. MC, ATV/UTV, 4x4 or general recreation. Also would include identification of those routes needed to be relocated/realigned.

Items to include in this Plan:

- A. Status of routes, i.e. condition surveys and prescriptions
- B. Time frame to bring to standard
- C. Signing needs;
 1. Skill level
 2. Directional
 3. Informational
 4. Enforcement
 5. Administrative
 6. Educational, i.e. "tread lightly", safety, conservation, etc.
- D. Facilities at Use Areas, (viewing /play areas/staging) and trail heads

1. Toilets
 2. Bulletin boards
 3. Signs
3. Roads to Trails Action Plan (per the EIS decision):
- Include same items as listed for Route Maintenance Action Plan
4. Restoration Action Plan. Identification and prioritization of restoration activities for NEPA and implementation of projects related to:
- A. Non designated routes per the EIS decision
 - B. Route Relocation/realignments per the EIS decision
 - C. Fisheries/amphibians
 - D. Soils
 - E. Meadows
 - F. Botany
 - G. Historical and Cultural
 - H. Hydrology
 - I. Reforestation/timber
 - J. Wildlife
 - K. General Forest Recreation Areas
5. General Forest Action Plan (per the EIS decision) for projects related to:
- A. Use Areas i.e. viewing, play areas or staging
 - B. Miami
 - C. Forest Service managed campgrounds
6. Resource Conservation Action Plan e.g. monitoring techniques and/or scientific study for:
- A. Routes (designated and non designated) per EIS decision
 - B. Route Relocation/realignments per EIS decision
 - C. Fisheries/amphibians
 - D. Soils
 - E. Meadows
 - F. Botany
 - G. Historical and Cultural
 - H. Hydrology
 - I. Reforestation/timber
 - J. Wildlife
 - K. General Forest Recreation Areas
7. Safety/Education /Communication Action Plan
8. Law Enforcement Action Plan

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1. Timeline for Completion

Attachments:

[Draft 2010 Bass Lake RD SIP Timeline](#)

2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

3. Optional Project-specific Maps

Attachments:

[Sierra National Forest area of use](#)

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: USFS - Sierra National Forest
Application: Planning Bass Lake RD

6/2/2009

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Sierra National Forest		
PROJECT TITLE :	Planning Bass Lake RD	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	Upon the completion of Sierra National Forest's Travel Management Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and subsequent implementation of the Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), the Bass Lake Ranger District will be propelled from "open to cross country" OHV use (up to 300,000 acres), to a designated route system. With that comes the requirement to be decisive on various aspects of managing OHV recreation. Funding is requested to assist in the development of a 3 year action oriented OHV Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) resulting in several Action Plans for implementation of the Sierra National Forest Travel Management EIS.		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Management and Admin Staff	8.000	225.000	DAY	1,125.00	675.00	1,800.00
	Resources Staff Notes : Soil Scientist	8.000	325.000	DAY	1,625.00	975.00	2,600.00
	Resources Staff Notes : Hydorologist	8.000	325.000	DAY	1,625.00	975.00	2,600.00
	Resources Staff Notes : Archaeologist	8.000	325.000	DAY	1,625.00	975.00	2,600.00
	Resources Staff Notes : Wild Life Biologist	8.000	325.000	DAY	1,625.00	975.00	2,600.00
	Resources Staff Notes : Fisheries/Amphibians	8.000	325.000	DAY	1,625.00	975.00	2,600.00
	Resources Staff Notes : Botanist	8.000	325.000	DAY	1,625.00	975.00	2,600.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Resources Staff Notes : Civil Eng	8.000	325.000	DAY	1,625.00	975.00	2,600.00
	Management Staff Notes : District Staff	5.000	325.000	DAY	975.00	650.00	1,625.00
	GIS Specialist	8.000	250.000	DAY	1,250.00	750.00	2,000.00
	Total for Staff				14,725.00	8,900.00	23,625.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Consultant/facilitator SIP Notes : Consultant/facilitator SIP provides the structure to assist in setting goals and target objectives, specifying accomplishments to be achieved including action steps for building and assimilating a wide range of diverse activities.	7.000	1240.000	DAY	6,200.00	2,480.00	8,680.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Misc Supplies to support Program Notes : Flash drives for data storage	2.000	200.000	EA	200.00	200.00	400.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
	Printing	2.000	200.000	EA	200.00	200.00	400.00
	Stationery Supplies	2.000	75.000	EA	75.00	75.00	150.00
	Other-facility rental Notes : Facility rental	7.000	250.000	DAY	1,250.00	500.00	1,750.00
	Total for Others				1,525.00	775.00	2,300.00
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-administrative cost	1.000	2250.000	EA	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
Total Program Expenses					24,900.00	12,355.00	37,255.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					24,900.00	12,355.00	37,255.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					24,900.00	12,355.00	37,255.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	14,725.00	8,900.00	23,625.00	
2	Contracts	6,200.00	2,480.00	8,680.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	200.00	200.00	400.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	1,525.00	775.00	2,300.00	
7	Administrative Costs	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	
Total Program Expenses		24,900.00	12,355.00	37,255.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		24,900.00	12,355.00	37,255.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9
Project is a planning grant request.

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ 76% or more (10 points)

☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)

☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)

☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Planning Project - Q 2.

A Planning Project - Page 1

2. The Planning Project would address the following 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.

☒ Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents

☒ Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation

☒ Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

The development of Action Plans are derived from an integrative interdisciplinary approach of Resource specialists who collaboratively work to prioritize resource projects per the Sierra National Forest Travel Management EIS decision, i.e. Streams, Soils, Meadows, Botany, Historical and Cultural, Fish/Amphibians, Hydrology, Reforestation/timber, Wildlife and General Forest Recreation. The result is a multiple project program of work that addresses potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats, cultural resources, soil conditions, water quality, other recreation uses, adjacent lands/local residents, toxic or hazardous materials and trail issues, e.g. traffic patterns and use, trail closures, skill levels, safety, etc.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ 6 or more items checked (4 points)

☐ 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)

☐ 2 to 3 items checked (2 points)

☐ 1 or no items checked (No points)

3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Camping

☒ Birding

☒ Hiking

☒ Equestrian trails

☒ Fishing

☒ Rock Climbing

☒ Other (Specify) [driving for pleasure]

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
☐ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

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6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Implementation of the Action Plans as a result of the completion of this project will provide for many opportunities for partnering with future vounteers and activities with current partner organizations such as 4x4 Him-Fresno, CA, "The Pack"-San Luis Obispo, CA, Fresno 4x4, Mariposa Horse Riders-Mariposa, CA, Equitreks-Oakhurst, CA, Friends of Nelder Grove-Oakhurst, CA., Sierra Vista National Scenic Byway volunteers-North Fork, CA, High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew-Fresno, CA.

7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)
☐ Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)
☐ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)
☐ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)
☐ Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Development of Action Plans, derived from an integrative interdisciplinary approach of Resource specialists who collaboratively work to prioritize resource projects per the Sierra National Forest Travel Management EIS decision will result in a multiple project program of work that addresses potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats, cultural resources, soil conditions, water quality, other recreation uses, adjacent lands/local residents, toxic or hazardous materials and trail issues, e.g. traffic patterns and use, trail closures, skill levels, safety, etc. The goals for completion of the Action Plans are 1) an efficient, cost effective and well managed OHV program with the ability to keep pace with current use and trends, the utilization of scientific data and conservation techniques. 2) To sustain OHV recreation and OHV opportunity, while enhancing the OHV experience for long term use.

8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (No points)

☐ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Reference Document

9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

In the development of an Action Plans for Resource Conservation, Route Maintenance, Safety/Education/Communication and Law Enforcement, issues related to offsite impacts related to sound, fugitive dust, runoff etc. would be identified and a strategy to implement the prevention and mitigation of these impacts would be developed.